Recruitment of Assistant Public Prosecutors.

*Q.—48. Sri Y. DHARMAPPA (Local Authorities' Constituency).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the previous Government had decided to recruit Assistant Public Prosecutors from amongst the active lawyers in the place of Sub-Inspectors working as such;

(*b*) the action they contemplate to take in this matter?

A.—Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA (Minister for Labour and Legal Affairs).—

(*a*) Yes, for conducting criminal cases in the First Class Magistrates' Courts.

(*b*) The matter is under the active consideration of the Government.

Sri M. L. SREEKANTIAH.—How long will it take to implement this policy of appointing Advocates as Assistant Public Prosecutors?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I can assure the Hon'ble Member that the time that will be taken will be reduced to the irreducible minimum. There are two principles here. One is the claim of officers of the Police Department that they must have some sort of promotion and that the experience that they have gained may be very useful for working as Assistant Public Prosecutors. There is also the question of direct recruitment because it is recognised that the Public Prosecutor should as far as possible not be influenced by the habits and customs formed by a person in the Police Department. We are trying to reconcile these two viewpoints and trying to take the best for the benefit of the public.

Appointment of Advocate-General, Additional and Assistant Advocates-General in the High Court.

*Q—49. Sri Y. DHARMAPPA (Local Authorities' Constituency)).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of Advocate-General and Additional and Assistant Advocates-General working in the High Court;

(*b*) the respective age of these persons now working;

(*c*) whether there is any age limit fixed for persons appointed to the above posts;

(*d*) what is their term of office;

(*e*) whether they intend to give a change-over to these appointments?

A.—Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA (Minister for Labour and Legal Affairs).—

(*a*) Advocate-General ... One
Assistant Advocate-General ... One
Additional Assistant Advocate-General ... One

(*b*) Sri G.R. Ethirajulu Naidu, Advocate-General ... 57
Sri G. Channappa, Assistant Advocate-General. 57
Sri G. Shankara Chetty, Additional Assistant Advocate-General ... 55

(*c*) No age limit is prescribed for an Advocate-General or for his assistants.

(*d*) 1. Advocate-General—term of office not fixed.

Article 165 (3) of the Constitution: "The Advocate-General will hold office during the pleasure of the Governor."

2. Assistant Advocate-General—till the end of December 1958.

3. Additional Assistant Advocate-General—Term of office 3 years—till 11th May 1959.

(*e*) Does not arise now.

Sri M. L. SREEKANTIAH.—May I know whether in previous years the term of the Advocate General was not fixed? When was the practice given up?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—If the Hon'ble members mentions anything more precise with regard to the chronological sequence, I will be able to ascertain. I may however say that as mentioned in the answer at present there is no period fixed.